(b) Final Report on the evaluation of measures to ensure navigability on the stretch between Allahabad and Patna is expected in June, 1989.

**Development of Indian Ports**

3275. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has recently urged Government to undertake overall development of Indian ports;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to poor condition of Indian ports, there has been decline in exports besides other transport problems; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take to develop ports in the counry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A seminar organised by FICCI in December, 1988 underlined the need for overall development of Indian Ports.

(b) and (c) The development of ports is a continuous process. During the VII Five Year Plan an allocation of Rs. 955 crores was provided for the development of the Ports. The exports from the Major Ports in India in the last 3 years are given below;

(In million tonnes)

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| 1985-86 . . . . . | 36.73 |
| 1986-87 . . . . | 39.79 |
| 1987-88 . . . . . | 40.14 |

This shows that there has been no decline in exports through Major Ports.

**Suspension of teacher of Kendriya Vidyalaya sunder silchar region**

3276. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas placed under suspension in Silchar Region during the current year;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Assistant Commissioner of the said region openly threatened AIKVTA members of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jorhat with suspension and mass transfers and also instigated the students for unlawful activities during his recent visit to the said Vidyalaya; and

(d) if so, what are the details of representation received by the Sangathan against the said Officer and action taken/contemplated by the Officer concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) One teacher of KV Tuli has been placed under suspension by the Asstt. Commr. (Silchar) during the current academic year for his alleged misbehaviour the principal.

(c) and (d) KVS has not received any representation in this regard. However, a telegram purported to have been sent by the Secretary, AIKVTA, Jorhat alleging that the AC (Silchar) had threatened publicly the AIKVTA members with mass transfers and suspension and also instigated the students, has been received. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has taken note of the telegram and it will ensure that no unjust action is taken against anyone.